

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
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**TAKESHITA et al.** )  
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**Application Number: To be Assigned** )  
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**Filed: Concurrently Herewith** )  
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**For: METHOD FOR GPCR ASSAY WITH A** )  
**COEXPRESSED G  $\alpha$  PROTEIN** )  
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**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. HIRA.0141** )

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to eliminate the multiple dependent claims in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows: